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**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office
Recovers Gun From School**

On Saturday, February 4, 2006, York-Poquoson Sheriff's deputies conducted an investigation concerning the possibility of a gun being concealed at Tabb Middle School. A parent of a student called the Sheriff's Office and told deputies that his child had told him about having heard of a specific student being in possession of a gun at school. Information was then developed that provided a location within the school where the gun could be found. A search of the school revealed a 9mm semi-automatic handgun in a locker. A 15-year-old male was taken into custody and charged with Possession of a Firearm on School Property and Possession of a Firearm by a Minor. The juvenile was placed in detention at the Merrimac Center.

Sheriff Diggs said, "A concerned student and a caring parent helped us recover a gun from school grounds. They are commended for calling us, telling us what they knew, and thereby making our schools safer"

It does not appear that the student brought the gun to school for the purpose of harming anyone.